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Amendment and/or Response  
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**OFFICIAL****Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

4. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

~~transmitting-receiving information from the item to-said-at the host,~~ in response to proximity conditions between ~~said-the~~ the host and ~~said-the~~ the item, ~~and~~

signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to ~~said-transmitted~~ the received information, and

transmitting other information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising

enabling ~~said-the~~ the user to activate information processing operations at the host related to ~~said-the~~ the associated service field.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising

transmitting ~~to-said-item~~ host-generated results related to ~~said-the~~ the associated service field during such proximity conditions to the item.

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising

producing an iconized representation of the item at ~~said-the~~ the host in response to ~~said~~ associated service field the received information.

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8. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with a distributed item, ~~said the~~ method comprising:

identifying ~~said the~~ item in response to proximity conditions between ~~said the~~ host and ~~said the~~ item; and

signaling to a user an associated service field at the host, and

transmitting information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising

producing an icon in response to ~~said the~~ identifying, for signaling to a user ~~said the~~ associated service field.

10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising

enabling an input for a user to activate information processing operations related to ~~said the~~ associated service field.

11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising

transmitting to ~~said the~~ item host-generated results during such proximity conditions related to ~~said the~~ associated service field.

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12. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

identifying ~~said the~~ host to ~~said the~~ item in response to proximity conditions between ~~said the~~ host and ~~said the~~ item;

transmitting information from the item to ~~said the~~ host in response to ~~said the~~ proximity conditions, and

signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to ~~said the~~ transmitted information, and

transmitting information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

13. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising

enabling ~~said the~~ user to activate information processing operations related to ~~said the~~ associated service field.

14. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising

transmitting to ~~said the~~ item host-generated results related to ~~said the~~ associated service field during such proximity conditions.

15. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising

producing an iconized representation of the item at ~~said the~~ host in response to ~~said~~ associated service field the transmitted information.